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New Library Publication Offers Checklist of Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress: Plans of North American Cities and Towns Produced by the Sanborn Map Company is a comprehensive list of the Library's extensive collection of maps that record American urban development during the last century. The entire collection of Sanborn fire insurance maps, including bound and unbound maps, as well as microfilm reels in the custody of the Geography and Map Division, is described in the reference work, which also includes 32 black-and-white and color illustrations of maps of such places as Kokomo, Colo.; St. Joseph, Mo.; and Passaic, N.J.

An introduction written by former chief of the Geography and Map Division Walter Ristow traces the history of Sanborn maps and their importance in providing essential risk information to insurance companies. The work includes two indexes; one lists the entries by state and county, and the other is an alphabetical index of the cities and towns cited in the body of the checklist. Each entry, arranged alphabetically by state and by the principal city in the map title, gives the city, county, and date of edition, number of sheets, and comments. Additional place names cited by the publisher in map titles and other distinctive features are cited in the comments column.

The Sanborn Map Collection consists of a uniform series of large-scale maps dating from 1867 to the present, depicting the commercial, industrial, and residential sections of some 12,000 communities in the United States. An estimated 700,000 sheets make up the collection, which represents the largest extant holding of fire insurance maps produced by the Sanborn Map Co. The maps were designed to provide fire insurance companies and underwriters with accurate, current, and detailed information about the buildings they were insuring. Each map shows fire walls, number of floors, location of windows and doors, sprinkler systems, types of roofs, and the types of materials used in construction of dwellings, commercial buildings, and factories. The maps also indicate widths and names of streets,

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water mains and their dimensions, property boundaries, building use, house and block numbers, fire alarm boxes and hydrants, and railroad lines.

Sanborn maps provide an unrivaled source of graphic information for geographers, historians, urban planners, architects, and archaeologists. They reveal events and activities such as western boom towns, International Expositions, and whiskey distilleries. Early industries can be located and their development traced. The 1895 edition of the map of Orange, N.J., for example, shows Thomas Edison's Laboratory and Phonograph Works. On two sheets of the 1919 atlas of Los Angeles, set locations, dressing rooms, stages, and projecting rooms are shown for Universal Film Manufacturing Company (Universal Studios). Because Sanborn maps were frequently updated, changes can be traced in building structures, building functions, land use, transportation networks, and community and industrial activities. The 10 editions of the Santa Fe, N. Mex., map, for example, show the transition from Spanish to Anglo-American architecture and urban planning over the 65-year period from 1883 to 1948.

The 773-page clothbound publication, *Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress,* is available for $29 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. 030–004–00018–3) or in person from the Information Counter in the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building.

Copyright Advisory Committee Formed

The Library of Congress has established a national Copyright Advisory Committee to consult with and advise the Register of Copyrights and the staff of the Copyright Office. Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, at the recommendation of Register of Copyrights David Ladd, has named the first board of distinguished copyright experts to serve on the committee. The members chosen are representative of the various communities vitally interested in copyright issues—authors, producers, book publishers, libraries, performing rights associations, the bar, and the news media.

The new appointees to the Copyright Advisory Committee are Morton David Goldberg of Schwab, Goldberg & Dannay, who will chair the committee; Eugene N. Aleinikoff of Dannenberg, Hazen & Lake; Jon A. Baumgarten of Paskus, Gordon & Hyman; E. Fulton Brylawski of Brylawski & Cleary; Leonard Feist, president of the National Music Publishers Association; Jack C. Goldstein of Arnold, White & Durkee; Alan J. Hartnick of Colton, Weissberg, Hartnick & Yamin; Harry G. Henn of Cornell University Law School; Walter J. Josiah, Jr., of Paramount Pictures Corp.; Irwin Karp of the Authors Guild, Inc.; Dan Lacy, senior vice president of McGraw Hill, Inc.; Alan Latman of Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman; and Bella L. Linden of Linden & Deutsch. Also named to the committee were Paul Marks of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers; John A. Marshall of the Christian Science Center; Ernest S. Meyers; Melville B. Nimmer, professor, University of California at Los Angeles Law School; Harry R. Olsson of CBS, Inc.; E. Gabriel Perle of Time, Inc.; Barbara A. Ringer of Spencer & Kaye; Harry N. Rosenfield; Stanley Rothenberg of Moses and Singer; Robert Wedgeworth, executive director of the American Library Association; and Theodora Zavin of Broadcast Music, Inc. Committee members will serve as honorary consultants to the Library of Congress without compensation for one-year terms.

Mr. Ladd convened the first meeting of the committee on April 13 in New York City. A principal topic at that meeting was the concern of the copyright community with the future of copyright relations with the People's Republic of China. Because the Copyright Office was preparing to send a delegation to China to discuss copyright issues in June, the Register consulted with committee members on this timely issue. At the April meeting, members of the committee also considered another international issue—the question of business and contracting practices in foreign nations with copyright systems that neither require formalities such as notice of copyright nor maintain systems of copyright registration.

From time to time, the committee may be called upon by the Register to assist the Copyright Office in its continuing review of its policies, proposed

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programs for improving public service, and international copyright activities. The committee will meet at the call of the Register of Copyrights, at least once a year, or as often as there are issues to which the committee could contribute.

Mr. Ladd expressed his belief that the committee will bring to the Copyright Office the views of a wide perspective of persons and groups interested in copyright and provide fresh insight into the concerns of copyright owners, users, and other members of the public.

Virginia Haviland Retires

LC's Children's Literature Chief since 1963

Virginia Haviland, chief of the Children's Literature Center, retired from the Library of Congress on June 12. A reception in her honor was held that day in the Whittall Pavilion.

A graduate of Cornell University, Miss Haviland worked in the Boston Public Library, taking courses in library science while she served successively as children's librarian, branch librarian, and reader's adviser for children. In 1963, she was called from Boston to set up the new children's book section in the Library of Congress. She came with some reluctance, after having requested a year's leave of absence from the Boston Public Library. She never went back—not even to supervise the moving of her possessions to Washington. She became chief of the renamed Children's Literature Center in 1978.

Since 1950, she has been active in American Library Association work and in book reviewing, in editing, and in writing. She served the Association for Library Service to Children (then the Children's Services Division) as chair of the Newbery-Caldecott Committee (1953–54) and as president of the division (1954–55). She was a judge for the *Herald Tribune* Spring Book Festival awards (1955 and 1957), and she served on the *Book World*'s award jury (1968) and the *Boston Globe-Horn Book* award jury (1971). She has been a professional reviewer of children's books for the *Horn Book Magazine* (1952–81), the New York *Herald Tribune*, and the *Washington Post*. She lectured in children's literature at Simmons College School of Library Service in 1957–63 and at Trinity College from 1969 to 1976.

Miss Haviland has also been active on the international scene. In 1955, she and others established the Children's Libraries Section of IFLA. She served on its standing committee and on the executive council of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY). During the 1950s and 1960s, she served on the Hans Christian Andersen International Children's Book Award jury and was its president in 1971–74. She has been president of the Friends of IBBY, U.S. Section (1976–79), and also president as well as founder of the Round Table of Librarians Representing Documentation Centres Serving Research in Children's Literature. In 1976, she received both the Regina Medal and the Grolier Award.

Her many books include for children the Favorite Fairy Tales series (1959–73), the *Fairy Tale Treasury* (1972), and *North American Legends* (1979). She has also written *The Travelogue Storybook of the Nineteenth Century* (1950) and *Ruth Sawyer* (1963). She has edited four volumes of *Children's Literature: A Guide to Reference Sources* (1966, 1972, 1977, 1980), the last two with Margaret N. Coughlan; *Children & Poetry*, with William Jay Smith (1969), and a revised edition with Robert E. Hayden (1979); *The Wide World of Children's Books* (1972); *Children's Books of International Interest* (1972, 1977); *Children and Literature: Views and Reviews*

In a formal presentation on May 22, His Excellency Jorge Mario Eastman, Ambassador of Colombia, presented to the Library 14 volumes of a series entitled Pensadores políticos colombianos, of which he is editor. He also presented the Library with an illustrated biography of General Mosquera.

Present were (left to right) Cecilia Isaacs, cultural attaché of the Embassy of Colombia; William E. Carter, chief, Hispanic Division; John C. Finzi, director of the Collections Development Office; Ambassador Jorge Mario Eastman; Amalia de Salazar, embassy aide; and Peter de la Garza, head of the Hispanic Acquisitions Project.

At the June 12 reception held in honor of Virginia Haviland's retirement, Associate Librarian for National Programs Carol A. Nemeyer (left) presented Miss Haviland (right) her retirement certificate as Margaret N. Coughlan of the Children's Literature Center looked on. Others paying tribute to Miss Haviland included The Associate Librarian Donald C. Curran, who also read letters to her from The Librarian and The Deputy Librarian, and John Donovan, executive director of the Children's Book Council in New York City, who praised her many years of service both to the Library and to the world of children's literature at large.

Dana J. Pratt, the Library's director of publishing, recognized Miss Haviland's many contributions to the Library's publications program by presenting her and the other guests with copies of a specially printed adaptation of the title page of Robert Davidson's Geography Epitomized, *published in Burlington in 1791. The verso of this title page, renamed* Virginia Epitomized or, A Tour round the Center, *offered a poem in honor of Miss Haviland composed in 18th-century style by the Publishing Office.*

Miss Haviland's colleagues on the staff were joined by many friends and well-wishers representing the library and children's book communities.

(1973); and *Yankee Doodle's Literary Sampler of Prose, Poetry, & Pictures* (1974), also with Miss Coughlan. Since 1964, she has edited the Library's annual list of children's books, produced with an advisory committee.

She is a member of the National Society of Women Geographers, PEN, the Authors Guild, and Pi Lambda Theta.

Heineman Foundation Honors Edward Waters

Edward N. Waters, chief of the Library's Music Division from 1972 until his retirement in 1976 and a member of the Music Division staff from 1931, was honored at the June 15 meeting of the Heineman Foundation for Research, Educational, Charitable and Scientific Purposes in New York City. In recognition of Mr. Waters' service to the foundation for more than 30 years, the Heineman Foundation Collection of rare music, manuscripts, and books in the Library of Congress is to be renamed the Heineman Foundation Collection in Honor of Edward N. Waters. It will be known as the Heineman/Waters Collection. This occasion was selected for the announcement because of the meeting's proximity to Mr. Waters' 75th birthday.

Mr. Waters' association with the foundation began as a personal friendship with its founder, Dannie N. Heineman. Mr. Heineman was born in Charlotte, N.C., in 1872 and trained as an electrical engineer in Germany. He distinguished himself throughout a long career in engineering and business and as a collector and connoisseur of rare manuscripts and books. He was also highly respected in diplomatic circles and was instrumental in bringing Germany into the League of Nations in 1925.

Mr. Heineman and Mr. Waters first met in 1948, drawn together by a common interest in rare music manuscripts and by mutual friends—pianist Rudolf Serkin and violinist Adolf Busch. March 1948 saw the beginning of a regular correspondence between the two men which continued without interruption until Mr. Heineman's death in January 1962, and which continues today with members of the Heineman family. Included in Mr. Heineman's manuscript and book collection in 1948 was an impressive body of material related to Goethe, which Mr. Waters arranged to have loaned to the Library of Congress for exhibit in 1949. The following year, with Mr. Heineman's encouragement, Mr. Waters published a lengthy study of the music manuscripts and books in the Heineman Foundation Collection, prefaced by a tribute to Dannie Heineman. In it, he described Mr. Heineman as "a friend of progress and beauty, a builder of the future and—in the marvelous collection he has formed—a preserver of the past." He pays equal respect to the energy and insight of Mrs. Heineman, whose "natural charm and graciousness are unsurpassed," and to the three children who "with their parents form a family rich in learning and individual accomplishment." In succeeding years Mr. Waters continued to be correspondent, friend, advisor, and confidant to the family and a frequent guest at their home in Greenwich, Conn. He was made a member of the Heineman Foundation in 1956 and was asked by the family to write a public tribute to Mrs. Heineman following her death in 1974.

Mr. Waters remained a disinterested advisor in

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STAFF NEWS

Ruth Evans Presented 35-Year Pin

Ruth Evans, acquisitions librarian in the Deposits and Acquisitions Section, Acquisitions and Processing Division, received a 35-year Federal Service

Ruth Evans

Award pin at the semiannual awards ceremony on May 14. Her friends and colleagues in the division surprised her with a special celebration on the day of the award.

After beginning her career with the Federal Government as an employee with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she came to the Library of Congress, where she has worked for 24 years. Ms. Evans has worked in the Deposits and Acquisitions Section during all her years with the Library.

Lenora Gentile Earns 25-Year Pin

Lenora Gentile received a 25-year Federal Service Award pin from Associate Register of Copyrights Michael Pew in April.

In 1956, Ms. Gentile joined the staff of the Card Catalog Section of the Records Management Division, where she has continued to work for 25 years. As a filer/reviser, she has seen many changes in the volume of work and in the changeover to automation of the copyright card catalog.

A native of Piedmont, W. Va., she has lived in Washinton, D.C., during her years of Federal service.

Michael Pew and Lenora Gentile

Dozen Staffers Mark 10 Years

During June, 12 staff members received Federal Service Award pins after completing 10 years of Government service:

Bessie E. H. Alkisswani	Office of Management and Administrative Services
Richard M. Betts	Central Services Division
Anthony R. Biondolillo	Examining Division
Ronald H. Bryson	Federal Research Division
Gary Bush	Serial Record Division
Sigrid G. Harriman	Automation Planning and Liaison Office
Felicia G. Kolp	Congressional Reference Division
Martin R. Lee	Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division
Elijah Lipkins	Buildings Management Division
Beverly E. Tribbett	Catalog Publication Division
Montrose A. Waters	Collections Management Division
Daniel Q. Williams, Jr.	Automated Systems Office

Staff Activities

Henriette D. Avram, director of processing systems, networks and automation planning, Processing Services, was the guest of the National Library of Beijing from April 17 through May 5. The purpose of the visit was to advise Chinese librarians and university and ministry officials on library automation and network development. The major part of the China trip was devoted to lecturing and working with small groups. Mrs. Avram visited Shanghai, Wuhan, and Beijing. In Shanghai and Beijing, Mrs. Avram gave presentations to audiences of 400 and 700 people, respectively, covering the state-of-the-art of library automation and network development at the Library of Congress, in the United States, and internationally. In Wuhan, the lectures and discussions involved students and teachers from the library school and in Beijing with staff of the National Library, Qin Hua University, Academia Sinica, Beijing University, People's University, Beijing Documentation Service Center, and China Books Import and Export Corporation. Efforts to date in China have produced the retrieval of records from Library of Congress MARC tapes and the use of these records to prepare order forms and catalog cards.

Audrey Fischer, supervisor of the Preservation Section, Records Management Division, taught a course entitled "Historians and the Living Past" at Mount Vernon College during the spring semester. The course focused on exploring nontraditional methods for recording, interpreting, and preserving history such as myths, family history, women's history, and psychohistory. During the last weeks of the class, Ms. Fischer accompanied the students on visits to collecting agencies such as Columbia Historical Society, the Decatur House, and the Library of Congress.

An article by **Howard W. Marshall** of the American Folklife Center on "Chinks, Dallies, Sougans, and Grass Beef: A Cow Camp Lexicon" was published in the current issue of *Kansas Quarterly* (Vol. 13, No. 2. Spring 1981). The article deals with folk speech of working cowboys in Nevada.

Minnie A. Modelski, senior atlas cataloger, Geography and Map Division, presented a paper, "Control and Access of Cartographic Materials," at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, May 8–9, held on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. Other session participants spoke on control and access of microfilm and photographic collections. The session was chaired by Peter Parker, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and was moderated by Roland M. Baumann, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

George J. Roman, legal specialist in the European Law Division, served as a judge in the semifinal rounds of the 1981 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition held in Washington, D.C., on April 21–25. The event was organized by the American Society of International Law. Participating institutions included the major law schools from the United States and Canada as well as Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America. This is the fourth consecutive year that Dr. Roman has taken part in the competition.

Chance Encounter of the First Kind?

Ten years ago, Guinilla Sergel and Olle Wendt left their positions at the public library in Lund, Sweden. Since that time, neither had seen one another until the fateful day when both stepped up to the reference station at the Central Desk in the Main Reading Room at the same minute to ask for reference guidance. After meeting, the couple found a quiet place to talk over old and new times. Ms. Sergel, with Library Service Ltd., and Mr. Wendt, a publishing consultant, both live in Sweden.

Personnel Changes

Temporary Appointments: Karen Baumgardner, library aid, GS–3, Proc S/N/AP, NP; Brenda Brown, library aid, GS–1, GRR, NP; Richard Buller, library aid, GS–3, Desc Cat, NP; Mary Canny, library aid, GS–3, Desc Cat, NP; Carl Cole, master files assistant, GS–3, CRS L, 10132; Jeffrey Francis, library aid, GS–3, Cat Mgmt, NP; Denise Garrett, clerk-typist, GS–1, Cop Exam, NP; Paulette Hamilton, clerk-typist, GS–1, Cop Inf & Ref, NP; Rhonda Jones, clerk-typist, GS–1, Cop Exam, NP; Kathleen Lee, analyst, social legislation, GS–7, CRS EPW, NP; Marion Parks, library aid, GT–1, Photodup, NP; Mary Pegram, music preservation assistant, GS–5, Mus, NP; Gregory Pontecorvo, media clerk, GS–3, AFC, NP; John Syme, master files assistant, GS–3, CRS L, NP.

Resignations: Karla Aikens, Inf; Clinton Bradford, CRS L; Gail Cissna, Photodup; Diana Hadgi-Antich, Cop Exam; Terry Manspeaker, CRS MAS; Cynthia Montague, Cop Acq & Proc; Janice Webb, P&S.

Birth Announcements

The secretary to the assistant chief of the Acquisitions and Processing Division, **Mary Brayley, and her husband, James,** have announced the birth of a son, James Dustin, Jr., on April 17 at Alexandria Hospital.

A son, Michael Frederick, was born on Tuesday, April 7, to **Deborah and Jack Ellis** in Alexandria, Va. Deborah Ellis is a correspondence and information assistant in the Reference and Bibliography Section of the Information and Reference Division.

Carol and Roy Lofton are the parents of a baby girl, Michelle Pauline, born April 23 in Alexandria, Va. Carol Lofton is secretary to the chief of the Acquisitions and Processing Division.

Charlotte and James Schaffer are the parents of their first child, George Preston, born on April 29. Mrs. Schaffer is assistant to the chief, Geography and Map Division, and Mr. Schaffer is employed by the Architect of the Capitol.

Ten Most Wanted Books

Sherlock needs help in locating the following materials which have disappeared from the general collections leaving no trace in the Central Charge File. Materials may be sent to Sherlock Searcher, Collections Management Division, LJ G104f, or staff members may telephone the Special Search Section on ext. 77427.

•*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Pulaski, Jefferson, Lonoke, Faulkner, Grant, Saline, Perry, Garland and Hot Spring Counties, Arkansas,* 1899.
F411.B63

•Dabney, Lillian Gertrude.
The History of Schools for Negroes in the District of Columbia, 1807–1947. 1949. LC2802.D65D3

•Eckman, Fern Marja.
The Furious Passage of James Baldwin. 1966.
PS3503.A5527Z65

•Green, Constance.
The Secret City. 1967. E185.93.D6G7

•*Journal of the Warburg and Courtauld Institutes,* Vol. 10, 1947. AS122.L8515

•Markakis, John.
Class and Revolution in Ethiopia. 1978.
DT387.95.M37

•Monroe, Robert A.
Journeys Out of the Body. 1971. BF1283.M582A3

•*Survival.* Vol. 16, 1974. U162.S9

•Vogelsang, Sandy.
American Dream, Global Nightmare. 1980.
JX1417.V63 1980

•Williams, Larry R.
How I Made One Million Dollars Last Year Trading Commodities. 1979. HG6046.W538 1979

August Courses Offered

•EEO at LC — August 4
Supervisors will be introduced to supervisory and management practices which will ensure compliance with equal employment opportunity laws and Federal regulations. Three 8-hour sessions.

•New Staff Orientation — August 7
One 8-hour session.

•EEO at LC — August 11
(See above listing)

•Health Assistance Program — August 14
Provides a specifically designed systematic approach to dealing with staff with drug, alcohol, and emotional disorders. One 8-hour session.

•Successfully Dealing with the Disruptive Patron — August 18
Provides techniques and strategies which staff can utilize in dealing with Library patrons. One 3-hour session.

•Portuguese Forty 1-hour sessions	August 31	in advance of the course starting date. Additional information about classes may be obtained by calling the Staff Training and Development Office on ext. 76348.

Nominations for each course are due three weeks

Mr. Heineman's quest for rare manuscripts and books until May of 1959 when, after repeated urging from Mr. Heineman, he suggested a collection of rare music manuscripts which the foundation might wish to purchase for the Library of Congress, where Mr. Waters was assistant chief of the Music Division. As a result of that suggestion, a substantial gift from the foundation was received by the Library the following year, and the custom of an annual contribution was soon established.

The Heineman/Waters Collection is notable for its richness and diversity. It contains over 300 items, including music manuscripts by such composers as Liszt, Brahms, Gounod, and Eugène d'Albert; letters of Alban Berg, John McCormack, Franz Liszt, and others; and rare early editions and important pamphlets, treatises, and librettos, including a first edition of the libretto of Handel's *Messiah* and a copy of the *Terminorum musicae diffinitorium* (1495) of Johannes Tinctoris, the first published dictionary of musical terms.

Saint-John Perse Center Is Established in France

The Fondation Saint-John Perse has announced the establishment of the Centre d'Études Saint-John Perse at the University of Provence, Aix-en-Provence, France, with courses open to students of all nationalities. Two grants, one for an American student, offered by the French-American Foundation (680 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021), the other for a French-speaking student, offered by the Fondation Saint-John Perse, are awarded for research stays in Aix for four to six months.

The Fondation Saint-John Perse was established in 1975 in the town of Aix-en-Provence to administer the donation made by the French poet and Nobel Prize winner, Alexis Saint-Léger Léger (Saint-John Perse). It is funded by the town, by members' subscriptions, and by the gifts of benefactors.

Though the essential purpose of the Fondation is to foster specialized studies and research, it also wishes to welcome those who believe that, in the words of the poet, "La Poésie c'est la délectation," and for that purpose special meetings, symposiums, and exhibitions are held.

The Fondation keeps manuscripts, notes, and correspondence of the poet, as well as his personal library with copies of all editions and translations of his works. Its reference library contains critical articles, books, and doctoral dissertations concerning the work of Saint-John Perse, working documents and archives, photographs, and records. Information concerning the Centre d'Études Saint-John Perse may be obtained by writing to Antoine Raybaud, Directeur, Université de Provence, 29 Ave. Robert Schumann, 13621 Aix-en-Provence, France. Regular seminars are organized by the Centre, and annual conferences have been held since 1978. The proceedings are published by the Centre and distributed by the Librairie H. Champion, Paris.

The activities of the Centre should be of particular interest to American students who know the close ties that bound Saint-John Perse to this country. He served the Library of Congress from 1941 to 1946 as honorary consultant in French literature, and he was elected to honorary membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

News Briefly Noted

NLS/BPH Improves Production Time

When this year's Pulitzer Prizes were announced in April, the winner in the fiction category, *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole, had already been recorded on cassette by NLS/BPH. A major goal of the NLS/BPH program is to get special-format books to blind and physically handicapped readers as quickly as they are available in print editions. Having a prize-winning book available to patrons concurrent with the awards exemplifies this effort.

Production time for special-format material has been decreased significantly over the last several years by selection of books for consideration on the basis of prepublication reviews and by improved production techniques. NLS/BPH adds about 2,500 books to its collections each year in recorded and braille formats.

AACR 2 Sessions Held in India

On April 16, the Library of Congress Office in India, in collaboration with the International Communications Agency American Center in Madras and the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Madras, organized a videotape presentation and discussion on AACR 2. The three-hour program held at the Department of Library and Information Science drew an audience of 55 librarians from major institutions and faculty as well as postgraduate students.

Helen Poe, the assistant field director for administration and planning of the New Delhi office, introduced the tapes, and responded to numerous questions that indicated the high level of interest in the new code..

New Reference Works

A new publication, useful for acquisitions related to the Middle East, has been issued recently by Mansell-Gale. *A Book World Directory of the Arab Countries, Turkey and Iran* (xvi, 143 p.), compiled by Anthony Rudkin and Irene Butcher, provides information on libraries, booksellers, publishers, institutional publishers, newspapers, and periodicals located in 20 states of the region. There are 1,400 numbered entries arranged by country and subdivided into sections within each country. In addition, there are 13 appendixes, including several covering libraries and booksellers by subject, area, and type. The book may be ordered from Gale Research Co., Detroit, Mich. 48226, for $85. [*George N. Atiyeh*]

For the first time in over 30 years, the People's Republic of China has published a work on the current status of studies in American history now being undertaken by scholars and historians in China. The 554-page publication, entitled *Mei-kuo shih lun wen chi* [Collection of Articles on American History], was compiled by the Chinese Association for the Study of American History and published by the San lien shu tien, Beijing, in 1980.

The 27 articles in this volume were selected from papers relating to American history submitted at the Scholarly Discussion Meeting on World History and the Conference for the Establishment of the Chinese Association for the Study of American History, held in Wuhan in the winter of 1979. The authors of the papers are all prominent professors and scholars from major research institutions and universities in China, including the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and such universities as Beijing, Nanjing, Wuhan, Nankai, and Fudan. Some of the authors were educated in the United States. The topics range from general articles on Sino-American relations to early colonial history, the War of Independence, the Civil War, studies on Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln, Wilson and the League of Nations, Roosevelt's "New Deal," the Black Movement, American diplomatic history, and so forth.

This book, which illuminatingly reflects current Chinese perceptions and interpretations of various aspects of American history, should be of great interest to students and professors of American history, as well as persons involved in Chinese studies. A copy of this important and valuable reference work is available in the Chinese and Korean Section, Asian Division (LA 1008). [*Chi Wang*]

Library of Congress Publications

Reading Room Reference Guide Updated

The second edition of **The Library of Congress Main Reading Room Reference Collection Subject Catalog** is now available. This catalog provides subject access to the Library's largest reference collection and is a valuable guide to reference librarians who wish to improve their collections or identify reference books on a given subject.

The Main Reading Room reference collection is strongest in the humanities, social sciences, and bibliography. The number and variety of reference works on any given subject are considerable. For example, the guide offers six pages of titles on works relating to women, seven pages on authors, eight pages on American literature, eight pages on Afro-Americans, and seven pages on motion pictures.

The revised edition lists holdings as of August 15, 1980, including 13,385 monographs and 3,930 serials arranged alphabetically by Library of Congress subject heading and then by main entry. In general, the entries consist of author, short title, edition, place of publication, publisher, date of publication, paging, price, Dewey decimal number, card number, call number, and location within the reading room. The new edition of the catalog is printed in larger typeface than the previous (1975) one and is much easier to read.

The Library of Congress Main Reading Room Reference Collection Subject Catalog. Second ed. ISBN 0–8444–0342–3. Washington, D.C., 1980. (v, 1,236 p.) Compiled by Katherine Ann Gardner, General Reading Rooms Division. For sale for $28 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. 030–001–00095–8) or in person only from the Information Counter, Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building.

New Publications

Bibliographie Fremdsprachiger Werke über das Recht der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika: Deutscher Teil. (Bibliography of Works on the Law of the United States in Foreign Languages: German Section) Washington, D.C., 1981. (xiv, 34 p.) Compiled by Marie-Louise Bernal and Ivan Sipkov, with the editorial assistance of E. Jeanne Temple, European Law Division, this German-language bibliography is the first in a series of guides to foreign-language works on U.S. law. Free upon request from the Library of Congress, Law Library, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress: Plans of North American Cities and Towns Produced

by the Sanborn Map Company. ISBN 0–8444–0337–7. Washington, D.C., 1981. (xiv, 773 p.) Compiled by the Reference and Bibliography Section, Geography and Map Division, this checklist contains an introduction by Walter W. Ristow, former chief of the division. For sale for $29 from the Superintendent of Documents (Stock No. 030–004–00018–3), or in person only from the Information Counter, Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building.

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NUC Symposium Papers to Be Published

The major papers from last January's symposium celebrating the completion of the *National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints* will be published in the fall. Those wishing to be notified when the volume is available should write to the sponsor of the event, The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. The keynote address for the symposium, delivered by Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh, will also be published in the September issue of *American Libraries*.

The account of the symposium in the February 20 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin* (pp. 65–68) inadvertently omitted the name of Herman Fussler, an important member of the ALA National Union Catalog Committee, from the list of those committee members who could not be present. The editors wish to apologize to Mr. Fussler for the omission.

Accessions List: Southeast Asia. ISSN 0096–2341. Vol. 7, No. 6. June 1981. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Children's Books 1980. ISSN 0069–3464. Washington, D.C., 1981. (15 p.) A checklist of books for preschool through junior high school age compiled by Virginia Haviland, former chief of the Children's Literature Center, and a committee of educators and librarians. For sale for $1.50 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. 030–001–00099–1) or in person only from the Information Counter, Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building.

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News. ISSN 0160–9211. Vol. 12, No. 3. May–June 1981. This report on national and international activities in library services for blind and physically handicapped individuals is distributed bimonthly to the national network of cooperating libraries and agencies serving blind and handicapped readers. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

Overseas Outlook. ISSN 0161–1828. Vol. 4, No. 3. April–June 1981. This quarterly newsletter with information for and about talking-book and braille patrons living abroad is free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Selected Information Resources on Marine Engineering. (SL 81–4) May 1981. (24 p.) Compiled by John A. Feulner of the National Referral Center, this descriptive listing gives the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and other particulars about organizations that will answer questions or provide information on various aspects of marine engineering. Of the 47 organizations listed, all but two are located in the United States and include Federal agencies, societies, trade associations, university research centers, foundations, and a few commercial organizations. Copies may be obtained free on request from the Library of Congress, National Referral Center, Washington, D.C. 20540, provided that requesters enclose a self-addressed mailing label.

Selected Information Resources on Nutrition. (SL 81–3) March 1981. (39 p.) Compiled by John A. Feulner, this descriptive listing gives the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and other particulars about organizations that will answer questions or provide information on various aspects of nutrition. Descriptions of the 78 organizations listed are arranged under seven major headings: Government Information Sources, Education and Legislation, Foods, Universities, Diseases, Prevention, and Children and the Aged. Copies may be obtained free on request from the National Referral Center provided that requesters enclose a self-addressed mailing label.

Subject Catalog. ISSN 0096–8803. July–September 1980. Vol. 1, A–D (966 p.) Vol. 2, E–K (959 p.) Vol. 3, L–P (917 p.) Vol. 4, Q–Z (978 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $935 for the three quarterly issues for 1980.

Talking Book Topics. ISSN 0039–9183. Vol. 47, No. 2. March–April 1981. This bimonthly annotated list of books added to the Library of Congress national talking-book collection includes news about free library services for blind and physically handicapped readers and lists popular magazines recorded on cassettes and discs. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically handicapped.

Update. ISSN 0160–9203. Vol. 4, No. 4. March–April 1981. A bimonthly newsletter with information for and about volunteer programs and individual volunteers who produce recorded and braille material and maintain equipment used by talking-book readers. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

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